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## A candlelight salute to those missing

By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola  
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When walking through the chapel doors, a black cloth could be seen draped over a table. As a small ray of light crept through one of the church windows, it blanketed the cloth with a soft glow. The letters on the cloth were in simple, large writing...POW/MIA. These letters are a symbol of hope for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defending the freedom of the U.S. The letters are also hope for those families and friends who patiently wait, Hoping to be reunited with their loved one.

A POW/MIA candlelight ceremony was held on March 4 in the base chapel. Many people from the area came to show their support for those who have not yet come home from serving their country.

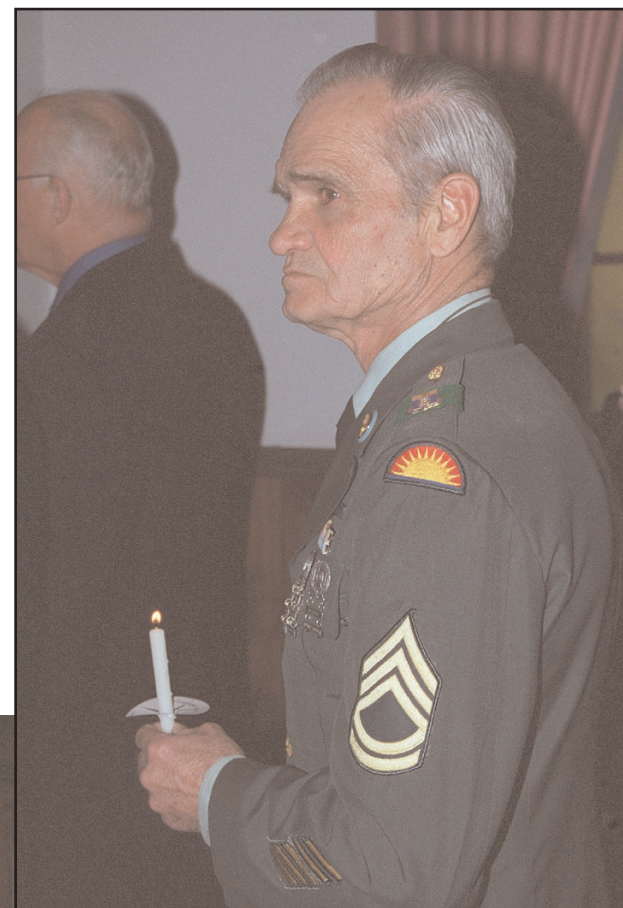
"My father's war and my war are now over," said Lt. Gen. Lawson W. Magruder III, deputy commanding general and chief of staff, U.S. Army Forces Command. "For many others who have never returned their war continues. POW/MIAs represent all the qualities we look for in our military members today."

The ceremony included speakers ranging from retired military to family members of POW/MIAs. At the end of the ceremony candles were lit representing that the light will remain shining until we can account for every single person who is a prisoner of war or is missing in action. Flags outside the front gate flew at half staff to show that those left behind are not forgotten.

"To the many family members of the POWs and MIAs," said Gen. Ray Davis USMC (retired). "We cannot share your pain or your grief, but we do share your love."



JoAnne Shirley, National Chairwoman for the National League of Families, passes the flame to another participant during the March POW/MIA Candlelight ceremony. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)



Above: An unidentified soldier solemnly ponders the issues raised during the candlelight ceremony.



Left: Lt. Gen. Lawson Magruder, III, and his wife, Gloria, light their candles during the ceremony. Magruder is the deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Forces Command and was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

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## Around the Wing



### Key issue: Reserve must recruit, retain best people

**By Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III**  
chief of Air Force Reserve  
and commander of Air Force Reserve  
Command

*Editor's Note: The following is the first in a three-part series on the Air Force Reserve's key issues for 2002 - people, readiness and modernization.*

The Air Force Reserve, and the Air Force in general, have led the way in providing responsive reserve forces, available immediately, to meet Service and national needs.

People are our most important asset. We need to take care of them, and they must feel their work is worthwhile and meaningful. They are highly skilled and we must maintain this experience to ensure our contributions to the total force are useful.

We must remain viable in recruiting and retention. The potential active-duty pool for recruitment into Air Force Reserve Command has diminished because of the force drawdown and longer active-duty service commitments.

We need to reward our people

through promotion and give them the opportunity to compete for command opportunities.

Leadership is not limited only to commanders; everyone down to the lowest-ranking airman is a leader. We need to ensure that there is open dialogue among the troops to make sure that we're doing our job the best it can be done.

**Volunteerism:** The Air Force Reserve continues to remain on the leading edge volunteering to participate in peacetime operations. By using volunteers, we minimize potentially adverse impacts on readiness and training, recruiting, and retention. Air Force Reserve volunteers have consistently provided trained and ready forces to the gaining commands. These forces are available for short-notice contingency operations as well as for longer term mobilizations.

With ever-increasing OPTEMPO and PERSTEMPO, the Air Force Reserve is aggressively pursuing ways to better leverage the time of Air Force Reservists and to apply training credit for civilian skills.

**Help for employers:** Employers are an integral part of the Reserve triad (reservists, their families and their employers). We have vigorously pursued feedback from employers, and they have expressed an interest in monetary relief. The Air Force Reserve supports Congressional recognition of the invaluable contribution of employers of guardsmen and reservists in support of national defense.

**Compensation for reservists and families:** People are the Air Force Reserve's most important resource. To maintain our history of success, we must be able to recruit and retain the best and brightest young people. Quality of life issues are a big key to doing that. Our focus is on the following areas: pay, entitlements, improved quarters, family services, reducing personnel turbulence and parity of benefits that make sense to the taxpayer and do not reduce the benefits of active-duty personnel.

## Happy Easter April 15

## Top-Three Connection



**By Senior Master Sgt. Denise Holloway**  
94th Recruiting Squadron, senior  
recruiter

One of the key issues for the Air Force Reserve this year is recruiting. I'd like to share how we are stepping up to the challenge, especially at the local level.

First, to help maintain our manning strength throughout the Reserve, we're opening more Recruiting offices around the country, especially in malls for more visibility. More offices mean more personnel and like everyone else, Recruiting is aggressively looking for new recruiters. Don't hesitate to contact me if you or someone you know is interested in the recruiting field.

In addition to more manpower, we've developed a national unit-referral program managed by the Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters, and we now have a national lead program. Along with more recruiting activity, at the national level, our recruiters also have new self-training techniques available to them through CDs and telephone tutoring.

At the 94th Airlift Wing, we keep pretty busy staffing positions throughout the wing and the Air Force Reserve. The Atlanta area is an exciting area in which to recruit. It's pro military, has a large population with diverse skills and produces tons of leads for us.

We're also excited about support

from wing organizations who are helping us meet our goals. One of the prominent factors is our wing vacancy meeting. Once a month the wing commander, group commanders, unit representatives and military personnel meet with the recruiters to review all vacant positions in the wing. We look at each position and its vacancy status and determine if a position is available, blocked, or has been blocked too long. Dobbins is the only base I've seen do this in such detail.

Along with the vacancy meeting, we load all of our vacancies into the Reserve Management Vacancy System, advertising our positions to recruiters around the world. This helps us in our efforts to target recruit for chronic shortages in critical career fields.

It's not all fun in Recruiting. It comes with its daily challenges as well. Bureaucracy is one. For example, you had better have your paperwork in order and on time if you're going to run a recruit through any Military Entrance Processing Station. These processing centers' physical requirements and rigid structure don't give you any room for mistakes.

Another challenge is getting recruits for flying status. They require a different set of standards and it's a jungle of physicals, paperwork, lab work, and doctor availability. And then it all goes up for certification where many times it comes back with further requirements. It's all part of the process and adds some frustration to our jobs. But there's a positive note here. Master Sgt. Detrice Dumas and her staff in the 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron have really been helpful to us in getting people processed through the system.

Like everyone else, one of our concerns is retention. It's also a Reserve key issue and one that offers a big challenge to every unit commander in the Reserve. I've seen figures where a unit receives 48 new recruits in a year, but due to the lack of retention, the net gain is only one. So, we all have our work cut out for us.

The personnel in the 94th Recruiting Office are here to work hand-in-hand with unit commanders to make sure we have a force ready to meet any mission. You can call me or anyone in our office with recruiting questions. We're at (770) 919-5132.

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# Security Forces first shirt passes the paperwork on

**By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis**  
*Public Affairs*

When Master Sgt. Jimmie Williams comes in this weekend, it will be his last full unit training assembly. After 32 years of mud, foxholes, dark-thirty hours, and cold, windy flightlines, this 56-year-old AllState Insurance underwriter is easing into Reserve retirement.

Joining the Reserve in 1972 after a three-year Army hitch, Williams has spent the last five years doing the people business for the 94th Security Forces Squadron. He leaves with some words of advice about managing and helping others and thoughts about the changing nature of the Air Force Reserve.

"It's all about being fair to people," said Williams. "Each person should feel they've been treated fairly. I'm here to make sure there's a fair balance between supervisors and individuals. As the unit's first sergeant, our former commander asked me to sit in on counseling sessions to make sure there was a balance and that made me feel good about his level of confidence in me and feel even better about how we treated people." Williams has been the unit's first sergeant since 1996.

According to Williams, one of the major roles of a first sergeant is taking care of the newcomers. He points out that first shirts as well as any supervisor should make sure that these members know you care about them and what you expect of them.

"We have to make absolutely certain that our new-

comers know to take advantage of every opportunity offered by the Reserve," explained Williams. "They have to know what the military can do for them from education opportunities to promotions. And, it goes further than



**Senior Master Sgt. Tommy Goins and Master Sgt. Jimmie Williams, 94th Security Forces Squadron, reminisce about Williams' career and his role as first sergeant. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)**

that. It's not all about money. There are benefits that they may not be aware of, such as low-rate life insurance and travel discounts." Williams also encourages his troops to invest a portion of their Reserve pay.

"We're an evolving force," said Williams. "There were only 17 members in the squadron when I joined 29

years ago. I was wanting to get back to troubleshooting on aircraft electrical systems, but security police positions were all that was available and I took it." Williams admits that his decision has kept him in good physical shape throughout his career in a squadron that now numbers nearly 90 troops.

Williams said turnover and retention is the one of the greatest challenges faced by the Reserve. He remembers the years when the 94th Security Police won the competition for the best in the Air Force Reserve. But he points out that today's environment makes it more difficult to increase the training regiment required to win such a competition.

"Those were the days of Chiefs Moody and Cain and Maj. Rick Kulhman," recalled Williams. "They instilled in us a demeanor and attitude that lead to our determination to win. We don't compete like we used to. It's hard work preparing for competition at the Reserve level and after winning it three years in a row in the mid-90s, we decided not to compete for a while." He added his unit is helping reduce turnover by developing people for different roles.

Being selected as the 94th SFS first sergeant was one of Williams' proudest moments. "When I was asked to be the first sergeant for the unit, it really made me feel good," said Williams. "We're an elite force and are aware that we're being watched at all the times. We set the example and being the person out front makes me proud."

Instead of pushing paperwork on weekends, Williams plans to put more time into his church's outreach ministries to senior citizens.

## Evaluators praise environmental protection, occupational health and information protection programs

**Maj. Gary Carruthers**  
*Public Affairs*

In early March, the wing hosted evaluators from headquarters Air Force Reserve Command for an occupational health compliance and environmental protection compliance inspection.

"These are important inspections," said Col. William Kane, commander of the 94th Airlift Wing. "The environmental protection and occupation health inspections are a report card in how well we're looking out for the safety and health of our work force."

The evaluators were impressed with what they found. They looked for compliance with the numerous federal, state and local laws covering environmental protection and occupational health. Findings in these areas are classified as major findings. They also looked at compliance with DoD and Air Force instructions. Findings in these areas are classified as minor findings.

As this article was written, the final report was not published. But the preliminary report included several findings, which was expected. This report also

included several positive findings, which note activities, programs or individual performances that are among the best in the command.

"I was impressed by the efforts from our people, both during the inspection and over the past year as we prepared for it," said Kane. "We weren't perfect, but there were no write-ups from the various work shops on base. In my experience that's unheard of in this type of inspection."

The environmental protection side of the inspection looked at 13 different areas including air, water, pollution prevention, resource conservation, hazardous materials management and hazardous waste management.

"If the numbers from the preliminary report hold, the number of major findings is the fewest total of such findings since the program at Dobbins was first looked at in 1985," said Bruce Ramo, chief of the environmental flight at Dobbins. "Two people specifically commended by the evaluators were Kelly Childress for his outstanding management of air and storm water pollution prevention programs and Gina Rose for her efforts in the solid waste reduction and recycling programs."

Ramo pointed out that the inspectors not only looked at wing programs, but programs run by the tenants on base, and programs run by the base support contractor. Both Kane and Ramo attributed the few number of findings in the hazardous material and hazardous waste management to the implementation of the HAZMART concept at Dobbins.

The occupational health compliance evaluation looked at 15 areas of occupation health programs designed to meet requirements established by federal standards under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and DoD and AF health regulations. Areas looked at include sanitation, noise exposure, management of blood-borne pathogens, personal protective equipment, toxic material exposure and confined space management.

The evaluators found programs where we need to improve our efforts, along with areas that can be emulated throughout the command.

"The positive comments from the evaluators about the performance of the base Bioenvironmental Engineering functions can be attributed to the efforts of Peggy de Bruyn, Teresa Giles, and Grant

Lynch," said Chris Englemann, chief of the Bioenvironmental Engineering office. "They put their heart and soul into these programs, and continue to look for new ways to make Dobbins a safer place."

At the same, the wing hosted inspectors from the communications area that looked at computer and network security. The Information Protection Assurance Program evaluators looked at such things as local area network security, virus protection programs, the SATE training, computer security, emissions security, and the public web site.

The evaluators concluded we are well on the way to an effective information protection program at Dobbins. There are still areas where we can improve. Two programs that were specifically mentioned as strong programs were the SATE training and AFCERT programs.

"I want to thank everyone involved in the Dobbins information protection program," said Maj. Mike McCully, 94th Communications Flight commander. "This outside look at our program shows we are moving in the right direction, and that our emphasis on information protection for the past year is paying off."



"I think that is a great idea. What better way to get the troops trained and ready to go serve in peace-keeping missions around the world. In cases of war, we would be better prepared to defend ourselves."

"The only thing better than three drills a month would be making our annual tour four weeks instead of two. I have waited a long time for something to lengthen our drill weekends."

“That is great news. I really did not hear anything about this mandatory three drill weekends a month. I am very excited about serving extra weekends to better enhance my job skills. I feel that I have had too much time on my hands during the weekends and this should fill some of that time.”

“It brings a tear to my eye knowing that I can have the pleasure of serving three weekends a month. This has been something that I have been secretly wishing for. This is better than the greatest birthday present I ever received. I just hope that someday they may take it one final step forward and have us go to drill every weekend of the year. This would bring total fulfillment to my life and probably to the lives of many others.”

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ALL MEALS WILL BE SERVED AT THE CONSOLIDATED OPEN MESS.

# Sunday, April 8

TIME	ACTIVITY (OPR)	LOCATION
0645-0730	OPEN RANKS/SIGN IN (CC)	UNIT ASGND
0730	PHYSICAL EXAMS (AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0730-1600	COMBAT ARMS TRAINING	SFS RANGE
0800-1100	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
0800	PHYSICAL EXAMS (NON-AIRCREW)	NAVY CLINIC
0800-1400	NBCWD TNG (INITIAL)	BLDG 838/RM 1322
0830	OCCUPATIONAL PHYSICALS	BLDG 550/RM 201
0900-1000	YELLOW FEVER SHOTS	NAVY CLINIC
0900-1000	FR UNIT POC REP MTG (FR)	BLDG 838/RM 2313
0900-1030	OUTPROCESSING BRIEF(DPMSA)	BLDG 922/RM 205
	0900-REASSIGNMENTS	
	1000-TDY (30 DAYS OR MORE)/SCHOOL TOURS	
	1100-RETIREMENTS	
0900-1200	CDC EXAMS	BLDG 838/RM 2304
1000	IG COMPLAINTS	BLDG 838/RM 2105
1000-1030	ENL ADVISOR COUNCIL MTG (SEA)	BLDG 838/WCR
1000-1100	30-DAY RECORD REVIEW	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1130	CMDR'S WORKING LUNCH	COM (MARIETTA RM)
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1500	IMMUNIZATIONS	NAVY CLINIC
1300-1400	FLYING SAFETY	BLDG 727/700 AS
1300-1600	MEO EO-2000 TRAINING (SA)	BLDG 838/RM 1202
1315-1400	SUPERVISOR SAFETY TNG (MAR/JUN/SEP/DEC)	BLDG 744/ 2ND FL TNG RM
1500-1600	NEWCOMERS MTG (94AW/CC) (APR/JUL/OCT/JAN)	CONSOL OPEN MESS
1545-1630	SIGN OUT (CC)	UNIT ASGND



# New TRICARE dental program begins

On Feb. 1, 2001, the Department of Defense began the new TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) that combines the former TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan and the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program. The TRICARE Dental Program provides expanded dental coverage to active-duty family members, members of the Selected Reserve and the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and their family members.

Members who were enrolled in the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan or in the TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Plan were automatically transferred to the TRICARE Dental Program on Feb. 1.

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, which provides dental coverage for eligible Uniformed Services retirees, remains a separate program and is unchanged.

The new dental program has an expanded comprehensive dental benefit package that includes diagnostic, preventive, and restorative services including dental X-rays, periodic examinations, sealants, cleanings, fluoride treatment, fillings, root canals, dental crowns and bridges, and orthodontics. The TRICARE Dental Program also covers athletic mouthpieces, an additional oral evaluation, and orthodontic coverage for spouses, Selected Reserve, and Individual Ready Reserve members up to age 23.

Additionally, cost shares for some dental services have been reduced for active duty service members in pay grades E-1 to E-4. The reduction in cost shares is provided to encourage these families to seek dental care and improve their dental health. The maximum benefit payment is \$1,200 annually for routine care and a \$1,500 lifetime maximum benefit for orthodontic care.

“As with medical preventive care, dental preventive care should begin at an early age,” said Capt. Lawrence McKinley, DC, USN, senior dental consultant, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA). “One of the primary goals for the TRICARE Dental Program is to urge sponsors and family members to seek early preventive dental care in order to avoid more costly and serious dental diseases.

“The new dental program strongly encourages diagnostic and preventive care for younger children. United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI), the TRICARE Dental Program administrator, will automatically enroll children at age four and notify the sponsor. Sponsors may, however, voluntarily enroll their children at the age of one,” said McKinley.

A major improvement over the previous dental programs is the reduction of the mandatory 24-month enrollment obligation for the member. Under the new program, the enrollment commitment is reduced to 12 months.

Enrollment in the TRICARE Dental Program is voluntary, continuous, and portable worldwide. A new enrollment requires at least a 12-month service commitment for active duty sponsors or Reserve members. Exceptions are made for Reservists who have fewer than 12 months remaining but are called up to active duty for certain contingency operations.

United Concordia Companies, Inc., administers all enrollment functions. To enroll in the program, sponsors must complete a TRICARE Dental Program enrollment form and send it to United Concordia along with one month's premium payment.

Reserve component members may enroll their family members in the dental program without having to enroll themselves. Certain Reservists and family members previously excluded because of not having an active payroll account will now be able to enroll in the TRICARE Dental Program. United Concordia will bill the sponsor directly for all monthly premiums.

“Enrollment in the new TRICARE Dental Program will be user-friendly and efficient,” said McKinley. “United Concordia will take over enrollment from the personnel departments of the Uniformed Services, and have secure online access to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to validate eligibility and enrollment.”

If a member enrolls in the program prior to the 20th of any given month, his or her dental coverage will begin on the first day of the following month. If a member enrolls after the 20th of any month, dental coverage will begin on the first day of the second month. For example: If a member enrolls between Feb. 1 and Feb. 19, dental coverage will begin on March 1. However, if the member enrolls between Feb. 20 and Feb. 28, dental coverage will begin on April 1.

“To avoid enrollment problems, it is important that prior to enrolling in the TRICARE Dental Program, sponsors check their DEERS information to ensure it contains the most up-to-date information,” said Capt. McKinley.

Premiums are paid through either a payroll allotment, or in certain cases, by direct billing to the sponsor

or member. The monthly dental premium for active duty family members is \$7.63 for a single enrollment, or \$19.08 to enroll a family. The monthly premium for members of the Selected Reserve, the Individual Ready Reserve (Special Mobilization Category) is \$7.63 for the sponsor only.

Family members of Reservists who are on active duty for more than 30 days pay \$7.63 for a single family member, and \$19.08 for family coverage.

The monthly premium for an Individual Ready Reserve member (other than Special Mobilization Category) is \$19.08 for the sponsor only. Family members of Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve (other than Special Mobilization Category) pay \$19.08 for a single family member and \$47.69 for family coverage.

For TRICARE Dental Program enrollees, dental coverage is available worldwide.

Family members who live OCONUS (outside the Continental United States) must first seek care through their local Dental Treatment Facility (DTF) if available.

Prior to receiving dental care from a host nation dentist, members must obtain a Non-Availability and Referral Form from the local OCONUS dental treatment facility. A Non-Availability and Referral Form is not required for active duty family members living in remote locations (where no DTF is available), or for the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve and their family members, except for orthodontic treatment.

Policies, procedures and recommendations for best available care in CONUS or OCONUS may vary. Sponsors and family members living in OCONUS locations are encouraged to contact their overseas lead agency or DTF representatives prior to obtaining any dental care, particularly from host nation providers.

Eligible persons interested in enrolling in the TRICARE Dental Program can obtain an application and additional information from United Concordia, the dental program administrator, by calling 1-888-622-2256. For general information on the TRICARE Dental Program, members may call United Concordia at 1-800-866-8499, or visit the UCCI Web site at <http://www.ucci.com>

For dental information, members may also contact their local health benefits adviser, beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator, a dental treatment facility, or a Uniformed Services personnel office.

## Walking the walk

### FOD program makes flightline safer

**By Senior Airman David Atchison**  
*Public Affairs*

How can an aircraft be grounded before it ever even leaves the flightline? Foreign objects left on the ground.

“A foreign object, for maintenance purposes, is anything left on the flightline that could damage one of the planes,” said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Duncan, 94th Maintenance Squadron, night-shift production superintendent. The Foreign Object Disposal Program was designed to keep debris off the flightline by raising awareness of the preventive measures that can be taken to decrease the amount of debris and walking the line periodically

and picking up objects.

“People don't realize it, but even the gravel in the tread of a car tire can cause a problem,” said Duncan. To lessen the amount of gravel driven onto the flightline, FOD check signs have been posted at all flightline entrances. A FOD check involves circling the car and checking each tire for debris that could be driven onto the flightline. Objects such as gravel in a tire may seem insignificant, but when lodged in an aircraft intake or in its fuselage they can become quite a big problem. Valuable hours and equipment have been spent in the past repairing preventable problems.

The second part of the program is the FOD walk. The walk involves walking



**A FOD walk involves walking over every inch of the flightline and picking up debris. Previous walks have resulted in finding items ranging from a tomato to a bolt. (Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)**

over every inch of the flightline and picking up debris. Previous walks have resulted in finding items ranging from a tomato to a bolt. Aside from people and automobiles leaving debris, the wind also blows a

lot of things onto the flightline.

“Walking the line” and FOD checks are just two of the ways that the 94th MXS keeps Dobbins ready for deployment.



# Support from the 94th helps make joint exercise

**By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman**  
*Public Affairs*

There is a lot of work behind the scenes of any successful operation. Operation Pacific Warrior 2001, a joint Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine mass medical-casualty exercise involving reservists and active-duty members, was no exception. The exercise was held Jan. 27 through Feb. 9.

Included in the behind-the-scenes planning and coordination of Pacific Warrior were Chief Master Sgt. Jim Emmitt, 94th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, superintendent of Standards and Evaluation, Senior Master Sgt. Dallas Godfrey, 94th Plans, logistics management specialist, and Master Sgt. Kenneth Farrey, air reserve technician and medical NCO with the 94th AES.

Other players and support personnel from Dobbins ARB included a C-130 aircrew from the 700th Airlift Squadron, aircraft maintenance technicians from the 94th Maintenance Squadron, members of the 94th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and drivers and mechanics from the 94th Logistics Group and Transportation.

The scenario was a simulated conflict between North and South Korea. The exercise was designed to test the participants' skills at providing patient care and trans-

portation capabilities in a hostile environment.

"This is the second time the exercise has been held," said Emmitt. "There were about 30 people in the battlestaff who provided the command and control element of the exercise for the Air Force. The control and coordination of more than 1,700 servicemembers taking part in the exercise was a challenge."

The battlestaff coordinated the activities of five sites on the islands of Oahu and the big island of Hawaii in the Hawaiian Islands. Those sites included Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base, Hickam Air Force Base, and the civilian airport at Hilo.

The coordinating efforts of the battlestaff involved billeting, airlift requirements, the inprocessing of personnel, and redeploying out of the area for more than 900 Air Force participants.

"The exercise provided a great number of training opportunities," said Emmitt. "More than 25,000 training items on operation and survival in the field were incorporated in the exercise."

In this scenario, the Army moved casualties from the battlefield area to designated receiving areas for the Air Force. One of the biggest benefits of the exercise was the opportunity to interface with the Army."

"Many hours went into the planning of this exercise," said Emmitt. "There were 10 days of 12-hour planning meetings to coordinate with the other services. Not to mention the nine-hour days to plan training schedules and 16-hour workdays during the initial part of the exercise."

The need for cargo movement, troop transport and maintenance support came along with the coordination and control requirements for Pacific Warrior.

"I did my initial planning at Dobbins, then I went with the advance team days before the exercise began," said Godfrey. "After I arrived, I worked with the tactical airlift control element and aerial porters to download aircraft and coordinate the delivery of the cargo."

According to Godfrey, more than 181,000 pounds of equipment was processed during the exercise and approximately 4,980 troops were transported at the Hickam AFB site.

"Pacific Warrior was an opportunity to work with the best people that I have ever worked with," said Godfrey. "Whenever there was a need, our transportation guys were on it before they were even tasked. The mechanics kept the vehicles operational and assisted the mechanics at the local military installation. Our team was asked to return next year for the exercise."



A crew of medical technicians carries a medical mannequin on a litter to a Dobbins C-130 at Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas P. Dougherty, 4th Combat Camera Squadron, March ARB, Calif.)

Below: Staff Sgt. Scott King, 94th Logistics Support Squadron, works to organize ground transportation for the joint services medical exercise, Pacific Warrior. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas P. Dougherty, 4th Combat Camera Squadron, March ARB, Calif.)







# Exercise success



Members of 94th Operations Group load medical equipment on a C-130 for transport to Hilo International Airport. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas P. Dougherty, 4th Combat Camera Squadron, March ARB, Calif.)



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Rows of medical mannequins, loaded on stretchers lie on the ramp in front of a Dobbins C-130 at Hilo International Airport. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas P. Dougherty, 4th Combat Camera Squadron, March ARB, Calif.)



Master Sgt. Raphael Limontes, left, 700th AS, and Tech. Sgt. Steven Gallo, right, 452nd Operation Support Squadron, March ARB, Calif., prepare flightline equipment for shipment to Hilo International Airport, on the island of Hawaii. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas P. Dougherty, 4th Combat Camera Squadron, March ARB, Calif.)



Patty Swilley, Budget Officer, 94th Airlift Wing, Financial Management, prepares equipment rental agreements for Pacific Warrior. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Thomas P. Dougherty, 4th Combat Camera Squadron, March ARB, Calif.)



# Reserve unit helps Cobb Air Force JROTC unit compete

**By Master Sgt. Michael Pope**  
22nd Air Force, Public Affairs

If enduring the difficult is a prerequisite for the making of a fine young officer or airman in the Air Force, then the Air Force Reserve can look forward to some outstanding recruits from Cobb County. More than 500 Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from around the state of Georgia, spent eight hours competing for high stakes and bragging rights during an annual drill competition at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., on March 3.

Sponsored by the 94th Aerial Port Squadron, a geographically separated unit of the 622nd Regional Support Group and 22nd Air Force at Dobbins, the unit operates from Robins AFB and has sponsored this event every year since 1994.

With 31 trophies up for grabs in nine categories, the event is considered a tune up for the state, and later, national competitions. The 16 JROTC units, including Wheeler High School from Marietta, Ga., competed for nine different awarded events, including the top prizes of best overall unit and most impressive commander.

The 94th APS handled coordination of supply logistics and services to the cadets. Master Sgt. Steven Yerkes, 94th APS, air terminal operator, who has been the drill coordinator every year the 94th has sponsored it, put in the leg work to make the event start up and run smoothly.

"At the end of the day, it's great to see these kids faces when the awards are passed out," said Yerkes. "This is a great way to expose them to the base through Reserve channels," he said.

The teams of Georgia high schooler's were inspected, scrutinized and closely judged by reservists from the 94th APS in all events including drill, color guard, inspection, armed and unarmed exhibitions as well as individual performances.

It was a pressure packed day of military bearing, intense drill, formations and precision maneuvering for

"We consider drill extremely important to the program. There is no better team-building experience for the cadets than drill. It requires each cadet to perform to his or her maximum potential in order for the group to succeed," said Love.

As more than 75 members of the 94th APS spent their Saturday judging, scoring and feeding the cadets, unit commander Lt. Col. Gerald Pounds admitted that hosting this event each year is actually very good for his unit's members.

"Not only do we get a feeling of accomplishment and joy watching the kids compete and win, our people actually receive valuable training in the art and science of drill, military bearing and being sharp troops. We can hone our skills by watching and learning from the kids," said Pounds.

Even though heavy Georgia rains poured over the base, the competition was indoors under the roof of an aircraft maintenance hangar. Several events took place simultaneously while inspectors poured over every inch of the cadets' appearances and zeroed in on every move they made.

The poor acoustics of the hangar magnified the echoes of yelling cadet commanders who, often nervously, but with authority and sometimes with pubescent cracking tones, barked out facing movements and drill maneuvers to their crackerjack formations.

The sights and sounds were reminiscent of a high school basketball playoff game. While two teams performed, the perimeter of the scoring area (court) was jammed packed with bleachers full of concerned and proud parents, family members, coaches, counselors and cheering teammates.

But unlike a basketball game, the ever present spinning and clacking of floor pounding crashing rifle butts, strangely blended with the echoing of hand and body slapping, and foot stomping, as the non-stop ambience increased the tension of every event.

With five or six drill meets performed each year, it was apparent that this event was either old hat for the youngsters or they treated the process with methodical precision regardless of the rainy conditions, difficult acoustics, and congested surroundings.

Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Dave Ford and Cadet Senior Airman Lainey Martin of Wheeler High School believe their ability to successfully handle this event is due to their JROTC training.

"I know that my time-management skills have improved greatly since joining JROTC four years ago. As a matter of fact, I had no time management skills back then. I know that if I had not joined JROTC, I would have probably dropped out of school. I went from being a C-D student to an A-B student," said Ford. More importantly this gives me something to live for, something to do. It allows me to accomplish something and be good at it. It makes



**Shades of basic training.** JrROTC cadets evoke memories of Lackland days as they snapped to formation during one of the events at the annual Georgia JrROTC drill meet. Units from around the state competed in 9 different events. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Pope, 22 AF/PA, Dobbins ARB GA)

life easier."

"If I didn't do this then I would always be sleepy in class. I couldn't get my school work done on time. I would be less organized and definitely have less self control. JROTC has really helped me with my self-esteem and time management. Now I can get things done on time. My grades have gone up and I don't talk back to my parents anymore," agreed Martin.

"We understand that there are no perfect kids out here," said Love. "If a kid makes a mistake, we don't throw them away, we keep them involved in the program. We save lives with this program," he said.

The most intense competition was the Individual Drill Regulation Knockout. This event pitted an all-star team of one cadet from each unit, formed into drill formation, against an active-duty honor guard member who called out a fast-paced cadence of facing movements.

Like the hit show Survivor where one person is eliminated at a time, the cadet's every move was critically watched by six judges, who at the slightest flaw in a maneuver, tapped the cadet's shoulder and he or she was knocked out of the competition — also known as knocked off the island.

A matter of very slight heel alignment on an about-face move was the difference between first and third place as Emmy Franklin, from Monroe Area Comprehensive High School, defeated Jennifer Sobel from Wheeler High School (3rd place) and the rest of the all-star competition for the top individual honor in the IDR Knockout.

At the end of the day's events, Houston County High School, a hometown school from Warner Robins, Ga., won the best overall team trophy. But this day seemed to be about a successful Air Force program in place that gives the youth of our country an opportunity to excel and position themselves to take on the world with a calmer head on a broader set of shoulders, with a little help from the 94th APS of course.

*Editor's Note: Every year Dobbins sponsors two days of orientation flights for local JROTC units. This year on April 25 and 26, many local cadets will be given the opportunity to fly on one of the 94th Airlift Wing's C-130s. Cadets also get the opportunity to talk to recruiters and see some of the many things going on at Dobbins.*



**Does he even use a razor yet?** A member of the 94th APS at Robins AFB looks closely at one of the JrROTC cadets for the slightest flaw. The inspection competition was one of the most strict as each cadet had to be letter, and peach fuzz, perfect to achieve the highest team scores. (Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Pope, 22 AF/PA, Dobbins ARB)

the young cadets but, Senior Master Sgt. Les Love, JROTC counselor from Wheeler High School admits that in spite of the rigors of the daily JROTC academic and leadership requirements the cadets must endure at school, these competitions are very important to each cadet's success.



# Federal civilian military leave changes to hourly charge

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - When federal civilian employees who serve in the Selected Reserve use a portion of their 15-day military leave, they will now be charged by the hour instead of by the day.

The change is the result of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, signed into law Dec. 21.

Full-time federal employees working a 40-hour work week will accrue 120 hours of military leave in a fiscal year, or the equivalent of three 40-hour workweeks to perform active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty for training. Part-time employees and employees on uncommon tours will have their military leave prorated based on the number of hours in their regularly scheduled pay period.

Air Force Reserve Command officials here said the command's policy on charging military leave changed drastically but became simpler to understand and apply.

Employees can now use military leave only for periods of a civilian workday when active or inactive military duty overlaps with the civil-

ian work schedule. They may not use military leave for an entire civilian workday if they are released from military duty and travel before the end of the civilian workday. When they request military leave for inactive duty training, they will be charged the amount of military leave necessary to cover the period of training and necessary travel from their residence to place of duty and back.

Under the previous policy, employees were charged a full day of military leave, annual leave, accrued compensatory time off, etc., for the second and subsequent consecutive civilian workdays on which active-duty pay was earned unless they were released from active duty before the start of the civilian duty day. For example, an employee with a civilian work schedule of Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. who worked 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday was charged full days of leave for Tuesday and Wednesday under the consecutive day rule. No leave was required for consecutive days of inactive duty for training.

Now employees will only be

charged leave for the period of time that military duty overlaps the civilian work schedule. Civilians, including air reserve technicians, who perform active duty at home station must have their orders approved by their group commander or higher.

Another advantage of the new policy is the elimination of having to take military leave for civilian non-work days - weekends, holidays and scheduled days off - that occur in the middle of a tour or consecutive tours of military duty. In the past, reservists who used 15-day military leave or 44-day technician leave on any civilian workday of those tours, active duty or inactive duty, were charged for that intervening time. No military leave was charged for non-work days occurring at the beginning or the end of those tours.

Other AFRC policies not affected by the legislation - for example, ART duty status policies, duty status conversions, crew rest and 44-day military technician leave for ARTs outside the United States - remain unchanged. (AFRC News Service)

## Congress considers tax break for employers

**By Capt. James R. Wilson**  
*419th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah - This spring the U.S. House of Representatives is considering legislation, which if enacted would compensate employers of reservists with a credit to their annual income tax.

House Resolution 394, introduced by U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt of Washington, would allow employers a credit of up to \$2,000 for each reservist who supports contingency operations in an active-duty status. The legislation would allow a total credit of \$7,500 per employer each taxable year.

Utah area employers viewed the Reserve Employer Tax Credit Act of 2001 as a sensible initiative and one that signals a change to an age-old paradigm.

"In the past, companies have allowed their employees to serve the country because it's viewed as the patriotic thing to do," said Steve Frampton, owner of a tire store in Fillmore, Utah, and employer of guardsmen and reservists. "Now, when two of my employees are fulfilling their military obligation, I've just lost one-third of my work force. While I believe in supporting our country's Armed Forces, I also think it's time the government gave companies incentives to employ members of our military."

Frampton went on to say the monetary relief would serve as a good "first step" in building a true partnership between businesses and the Armed Forces.

"If this [legislation] is approved, it would be a real plus to me as an employer," Frampton said. "This would send a clear message that Uncle Sam is willing to share in the bottomline costs for maintaining today's citizen airmen and citizen soldiers. From my standpoint, it's a win-win situation."

Increased operational tempo has resulted in many drilling and mobilized reservists spending more and more time away from their civilian jobs. Consequently, businesses must either hire temporary help or otherwise attempt to get by without critical employees while reservists are deployed.

"It's difficult for a company when someone in a strategic position is gone - even when it's for a short period of time," said Jeff Tiede, president of a packaging company in Salt Lake City. "Often times these are the individuals with diverse backgrounds which include military service. For that reason, I think a tax credit for employers makes a lot of sense."

While the fate of the bill has yet to be decided, the fact that the proposal is even being considered was an encouraging sign to one area employer.

"If nothing else, I think it's a good gesture," said Gerald Higgins, owner of body and paint shop in West Jordan, Utah.

Higgins employs a reservist from Air Force Reserve Command's 419th Fighter Wing and even goes so far as making up the difference between his military and civilian salaries when deployed.

"I know other business owners who don't see the true benefits of hiring a reservist," Higgins said. "So from a business perspective, I think a tax credit for employers would help offset some of the challenges that result from military duty."

H.R. 394 contains provisions that would afford reservists who are self-employed a comparable tax credit. If Congress adopts the legislation, the effective date would begin after the calendar year the bill is enacted.

More information about H.R. 394 is available on the House of Representatives website ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)). (AFRC News Service from a 419th FW news release)

## 5 to move up to major general; 14 to pin on first star

WASHINGTON - Five Air Force Reserve brigadier generals and 14 colonels have been nominated by the president for promotion to the next higher rank.

The Office of Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon announced the nominations Feb. 16.

The major general nominees are one Air Force Reserve Command unit program commander and four mobilization assistants. The brigadier general nominees include five AFRC wing commanders, as well as nine MAs.

Nominated for a second star are:

\* Brig. Gens. **James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.;**

\* Marvin J. Barry, MA to the commander of Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas;

\* John D. Dorris, MA to the commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.;

\* Patrick J. Gallagher, MA to the commander in chief of U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb.; and

\* Ronald M. Segal, MA to the commander of Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

The following have been nominated for promotion to brigadier general:

\* Cols. Fred F. Castle, MA to the deputy assistant secretary for management, policy and program integration, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon;

\* Thomas A. Dyches, 301st Fighter Wing commander, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas;

\* John H. Grueser, MA to the commander of the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, Ill.;

\* Bruce E. Hawley, MA to the staff judge advocate, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va.;

\* Christopher M. Joniec, 434th Air Refueling Wing commander, Grissom ARB, Ind.;

\* **William P. Kane, 94th Airlift Wing commander, Dobbins ARB;**

\* Michael K. Lynch, MA to the director of operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany;

\* Carlos E. Martinez, MA to the commander of the Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Mass.;

\* Charles W. Neeley, MA to the director of strategic planning and policy (J-5), U.S. Pacific Command, Fort H.M. Smith, Hawaii;

\* Mark A. Pillar, MA to the commander of 21st Air Force, McGuire AFB, N.J.;

\* William M. Rajczak, MA to the director of plans and programs, Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.;

\* Thomas M. Stogsdill, 919th Special Operations Wing commander, Eglin AFB Aux. Field 3, Fla.;

\* Dale Timothy White, MA to the commander of Air Force Recruiting Service, Randolph AFB; and

\* Floyd C. Williams, 419th FW commander, Hill AFB, Utah.

These promotions take effect upon U.S. Senate confirmation and by direction of the chief of Air Force Reserve. (AFRC News Service)



## Prayer breakfast

All are invited to attend the annual prayer breakfast on April 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the Consolidated Club. Rev. James E. Victor, Jr., assistant pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

In 1942, Prayer Breakfast Groups were organized in the Senate and House of Representatives and met weekly to share and pray for their individual spiritual needs and affirm the dependency of America on God. In 1953, members of the Senate and House Prayer Groups established with President Eisenhower the first Presidential Prayer Breakfast. The breakfast has taken place each year since then and has become known as the Annual National Prayer Breakfast.

For more information contact Chaplain Tim Broughton at (404) 307-8782 or Master Sgt. Liz Williams (770) 919-4955.

## Best Tex Mex

What do you get when you combine breakfast, burritos and the Dobbins Fire Department? A good time. The Fire Department is sponsoring a fundraiser for a local burn foundation by selling breakfast burritos for \$1.50 each on Sunday, April 8, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

## Sunrise service

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, April 15, at the MWR Lake View Lodge, Navy Lake Site. A free breakfast will be held before the service. For more information, call Navy Chaplain Swindle at (770) 919-6472 or the Lake Site at (770) 974-6309.

## Easter dinner

Come celebrate Easter with a feast at the Consolidated Club. Get an all-you-care-to-eat loaded buffet for \$12.95. For more information call (770) 919-4594. There will be no Sunday buffet in April.

## Gone fishin`

Are you the best fisherman around Dobbins? Prove it. Naval Air Station Atlanta is sponsoring a fishing tournament Sunday, April 15 and the NAS Lake Site. First prize is \$500. One member of each team must be active duty, retired, military, reserve dependent or DoD civilian employee. The entry fee is \$40 per two-person team. For more information call (770) 919-6502 or (770) 974-6309.

## Enlisted PME change

As of Jan. 16, 2001, students whose

enlisted PME courses terminate for non-participation (enrollment expires prior to course completion), will incur a one year enrollment restriction. This was previously a 6-month restriction. Students already in a 6-month restriction at the time of this change will not be affected. Students who are disenrolled for course failure and those who voluntarily disenroll (at student request) will continue to incur a 6-month restriction.

## USA military competition

Do you think you are the best of the best? Each summer the U.S. sends to Europe an 18-member men's team and a 6-member women's team for the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Military Competition. Reserve commission or cadet status makes you eligible. There will be competitions ranging from swimming to rifle marksmanship. For more information contact Chief Master Sgt. Smits at (800) 223-1784 ext. 7-0337 or carol.smits@afrc.af.mil

## AFSA meeting notices

The Air Force Sergeants Association meets once a month at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in Building 729 (22nd Air Force). You do not have to be a member to attend. The next meetings are scheduled for the following dates: April 17, May 15, June 19, and July 17.

## GLOWMOBILE schedule

The Georgia License on Wheels (GLOWMOBILE) will be in the Base Exchange parking lot, Building 530, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, May 3, 2001

Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001

This schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact Bobby Price at (770) 919-4830.

## Vacation anyone?

The Armed Forces Vacation Club is offering resort vacations for \$209. For more information pick up a voucher at any participating Information Ticket and Tourism office or call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988 and give them account number 7033-00000.

## Family Readiness

Family Readiness continues to visit units to conduct classes to assist members with their personal readiness plan. Family members should always know where significant documents are located, such as wills and powers of attorney, insurance policies, birth and marriage certificates

and bank account numbers.

If you are interested in volunteering to join a unit Family Support Group (FSG), please contact Family Readiness. The FSGs will assist at the time of mobilizations, deployments and disasters. Each month, Family Readiness will meet with a different unit's FSG.

The Family Readiness unit points of contact meet on Sunday of the April UTA in room 2313, of building 838 at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact J. Ealy Ritter at (770) 919-5004. If out of the Atlanta area call toll free (888) 436-2246, Ext. 9-5004.

## AFA Council needs members

Looking to make a difference in the Air Force? Active, Guard and Reserve members, unit reservists, and individual mobilization augmentees in any Air Force specialty and pay grade have until April 9 to apply for membership on the Air Force Association Reserve Council.

Council members serve for two years and develop AFA policy recommendations on quality of life, equipment modernization and military construction issues affecting Air Force Reserve Command and reservists.

Interested people may apply through their wing commander. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Troy McIntosh of the Office of Air Force Reserve's Policy Integration Directorate in the Pentagon at DSN 223-2452 or (703) 693-2452.

## Don't assume, assure

Are you protected? Your Information Assurance Office wants to make sure the answer is yes. They have compiled a list of ten ways you can protect your Information System.

1. Know who your computer systems security officer is.

2. Make sure your systems are certified and accredited. Systems designated to process classified information must have an emission security assessment completed before processing is authorized.

3. Make sure passwords contain at least eight characters, consisting of numbers and special characters, and are exclusive to each system and user.

4. Never write down or share passwords, and change them often — at least every 90 days.

5. Use a password-protected screen saver when leaving your computer unattended.

6. Always scan disks, e-mail attachments, and downloaded files using the latest antiviral product and signature file.

7. Data owners are responsible for data. Know the sensitivity level of the information you're processing, the requirements for protecting it, and the

security limitations of the systems used to transmit it.

8. Share information only with people and systems authorized to receive it.

9. Clear and sanitize appropriate processing and storage devices.

10. Report incidents and vulnerabilities to your CSSO.

For more information visit the Air Force Information Assurance homepage at <https://afca.scott.af.mil/ip>.

## PDA do's and don'ts

The Air Force wants to make sure your personal digital assistants is used to its fullest. When using a personal digital assistant, remember the following: process only unclassified information from your desktop, such as schedules, contact info and email. PDAs are permitted for use in taking notes, saving information or synchronizing information back into your computer. Do not use your PDA to process or maintain classified information, connect/subscribe to commercial internet service providers for official e-mail services, synchronize files or devices across the network using wireless connections or arbitrarily download and load freeware or shareware software enhancements. The PDA modem is only authorized to connect to an official Air Force RAS account protected by an NCC Firewall. Desktops will not be configured to permit direct dial-in access for the purpose of synchronizing the PDA remotely. For more information see AFI 33-202, Computer Security, 22 Jun 00.

## SGLI benefit increases

As of April 1, everyone eligible for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance will automatically be covered by the new maximum of \$250,000.

The increase in SGLI coverage is a result of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000. Cost for maximum coverage goes from \$16 per month for \$200,000 to \$20 a month for \$250,000.

With final implementation instructions pending as recently as March 1, pay and compensation officials anticipate each member will have April to elect a lower coverage amount without being charged for the automatic increase to the maximum coverage.

Members may decline coverage or elect a reduced level of insurance in multiples of \$10,000. The cost of coverage remains 80 cents per \$10,000 of coverage.

People who elect to change their coverage after April will pay for the maximum coverage for April as well as for any other month in which the increased coverage remains in effect. Beneficiaries stay the same unless members update their coverage.



## Newly Assigned

Maj. Michael A. Baxter  
Maj. John B. Hanson  
Maj. Paul S. Meyer  
Maj. George R. Pope  
Capt. Pamela D. Love  
2nd Lt. Tammy L. Guthmiller  
2nd Lt. Debra K. Moore  
Senior Master Sgt. Philip T. Owens  
Master Sgt. Charles Sandberg-Lee  
Tech. Sgt. Robert L. Foster  
Tech. Sgt. Marlin D. Stakely  
Staff Sgt. James D. Amundsen  
Staff Sgt. Ricky S. Ford  
Staff Sgt. Jasper C. Howard  
Staff Sgt. Adonica A. Jenkins  
Senior Airman Jeremy W. Ammons  
Senior Airman Christy M. Atkinson  
Senior Airman Richard L. Bartels  
Senior Airman Blanche M. Beal  
Senior Airman Jamie R. Dean  
Senior Airman Paul R. Hanna  
Senior Airman Cynthia M. Jackson  
Senior Airman Bradley D. Jordan  
Senior Airman Schiller T. Lindsey  
Senior Airman Joseph W. Lunger  
Senior Airman Julie A. Millington  
Senior Airman Brian L. Moore

Senior Airman Bret D. Mulvaney  
Airman 1st Class William Flowers  
Airman 1st Class Winter L. Hawkins  
Airman 1st Class Dorothy K. Redford  
Airman 1st Class Knitalya Worthy

## Promotions

**To Senior Master Sgt.**  
Miram E. Aikens  
Linda Flythe-Bailey  
Robert S. Leonardo  
Paul A. Lewis

**To Master Sgt.**  
George T. Curry  
Sterling P. Jones  
Lisa C. Lewis  
Zelma T. Moore  
Ra Tiya D. Newbill  
Marvin D. Quick

**To Tech. Sgt.**  
Michael P. Chevalier  
Gary A. Clarke  
Lesley A. Edwards  
James S. Gilbert  
Katrina S. Jones  
Peter D. Kenney

Brenda G. Sanders

**To Staff Sgt.**  
James E. Bynum  
Vinci A. Fish  
Brian J. Kicklighter  
Kevin M. O'Connell  
Briana D. Ontiveros  
Jean S. Todd

**To Senior Airman**  
David N. Atchison  
Latesha Bax  
Ryan Cunningham  
Traven W. Dennis  
Ronnie P. Duckworth  
Jabriel T. Griggs  
Jonathan M. Holland  
Jodey S. Powell  
Jadina T. Stephens  
Michelle A. Weiser

**To Airman 1st Class**  
Sophia E. Adams  
Otha Bridges

**To Airman**  
Javonne M. Barnwell

# Precautions to take when leaving children at home alone

The month of April is celebrated nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout this month, information concerning the welfare of children is distributed for parents to increase their knowledge and awareness about the prevention of child abuse and neglect. One important issue that is affecting millions of parents as more and more women enter the workforce: children are coming home to empty houses. In most states, children under the age of 12 should not be left home alone regularly or for any length of time. Listed are some suggestions to keep your child safe while you are away from home.

- \* Agree on ground rules for times when you are not at home, such as cooking, leaving the house, and having friends over.
  - \* Assign your children tasks to accomplish while you're gone.
  - \* Be sure to have telephone numbers posted where you can be reached, as well as fire and police, neighbors and relatives.
  - \* If they arrive home to an empty house, be sure to call and check in with them.
  - \* Enroll them in a course on safety procedures for children on their own at home. Their safety is related to their knowledge of how to protect themselves (Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, your local hospital, or the YMCA may offer courses).
  - \* Investigate programs in your area that may benefit your child, such as a grandparents program or a check-in program.
  - \* Talk to your children about their concerns when they are home alone.
  - \* Remember, with the proper guidelines, being home for limited periods of time can increase independence, responsibility, and confidence in your children.
- For more information, contact the 94th Airlift Wing Family Readiness officer at (770) 919-5004.

# Georgia National Guard STAR BASE program manager graduates KIDS Workshop Leader Training

Congratulations to Lt. Col. Bill S. Wells, program manager of the STAR BASE Program with Georgia National Guard, for completing the Kids In a Drug Free Society Workshop Leader Training on March 8.

In order to be certified to facilitate the workshop, the Guard volunteer was required to complete three full days of training provided by KIDS -- an innovative and pioneering program aimed at helping parents effectively speak to their children about drugs. Wells will be volunteering to lead the KIDS parenting workshops, which teach parents the communications skills needed to effectively speak to their children about the dangers of drug use and



KIDS IN A  
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Parenting  
For The  
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other risky behaviors. KIDS is comprised of two major initiatives: The first is a workplace-based parent communication training program offered to corporate America as a family-friendly employee benefit. The second initiative is a community awareness campaign designed to help parents become aware of the impact they can have on their children's decisions about drugs. Currently, KIDS is actively recruiting Guard and Reserve members as volunteer workshop leaders to assist in the training of Guard and Reserve parents. For more information about KIDS workshops or to volunteer, contact Alan Friedman, KIDS regional director, at (678) 445-1216. or by e-mail at alan.friedman@keepkidsdrugfree.com.



# A special Valentine s Day for veterans



On Feb. 14, members from Dobbins ARB spent the day at the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center taking part in the 23rd Annual National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans. The program specifically honors hospitalized veterans who face unique day-to-day challenges. After a brief ceremony, Dobbins members visited with patients and passed out valentines sent to the patients by the community. Pictured on the far left: Capt. Dave Guio, 94th Security Forces Squadron, talks to one of the patients at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. (Photos by Senior Airman Michelle Stevenson)

## Airshow 2001



Dobbins will host an open house and airshow May 19 and 20. This event, Armed Forces Over Marietta (A Tribute to the Community), is open to the public. You are encouraged to let your friends and family know about the event. It has been more than 2 years since the 94th Airlift Wing has sponsored an airshow and a large turnout is expected. Numerous flying demonstrations are scheduled. There will also be a variety of aircraft on static display including the newest air superiority fighter, the F-22 Raptor.

The gates open at 10 a.m. both days. Buses will be provided from the Lockheed

parking lot, which is also open to the public. Handicapped persons will have special parking at Dobbins, but valid handicap information must be provided for entry through the main gate. Vendors will offer a variety of foods at a minimal charge. No backpacks, no coolers, and no glass containers allowed through gates.

For more information, call (770) 919-5055.

## Reservist s father receives Bronze Star

More than 50 years after her father captured 30 German soldiers near Hagen, Germany, Chief Master Sgt. Mary Corrigan headed for Oakdale, Penn., to watch her father, James Besong, receive the Bronze Star for his actions. Corrigan, 622nd Regional Support Group, superintendent, military personnel, was one of Besong s 11 children, 28 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren to attend the ceremony late last year. I m proud of my father and his accomplishments and always felt closer to him because I m in the military, said Corrigan. He didn t talk too much to us about his wartime experiences and I m now really happy that future generations in his family will understand what it means to be a veteran. The medal was presented by Army Maj. Gen. Rodney D. Ruddock, 99th Regional Support Command, Army Reserve.